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INSIDE OF A VEHICLE AND DEVICE FOR AIR-  
CONDITIONING THE INSIDE OF A VEHICLE

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**UNDER 37 CFR §1.56**

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Documents A1, A3 and A5-A7 listed on the attached PTO/SB/08 was cited as being relevant during a search of the corresponding International application. A copy of the International Search Report setting forth the portion of each reference considered relevant by the examiner is attached.

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Respectfully submitted,

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